

Application No.: 09/721,557  
Response to OA dated: March 18, 2005  
Response dated: May 18, 2005

### **Remarks**

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Office Action mailed March 18, 2005. A Petition for Extension of Time to Respond is submitted herewith, together with the appropriate fee.

#### **I. Summary of Applicants' Amendment**

The present Response cancels Claims 16, 29, 69-71, 78-80, and 87-89; amends Claims 58-62, 64-68, 73-77, and 82-86; and adds Claims 90-95, leaving for the Examiner's present consideration Claims 57-68, 72-77, 81-86 and 90-95.

#### **II. Election of Invention**

Prior to the Office Action mailed March 18, 2005, Claims 16, 29 and 57-89 were pending in the Application. In the Office Action mailed March 18, 2005, Claims 16, 29 and 57-89 were disposed as being directed to the following inventions:

- Group I: Claims 57-68, 72-77 and 81-86, drawn to managing access to components in a distributed computing environment, classified in class 713, subclass 201.
- Group II: Claims 29, 70, 79 and 88, drawn to controlling user access, classified in class 713, subclass 182.
- Group III: Claims 71, 80, and 89, drawn to authorizing access, classified in class 713, subclass 193.
- Group IV: Claims 16, 69, 78 and 87, drawn to maintaining security in a distributed system, classified in class 713, subclass 167.

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Applicant hereby elects Group I, as defined by Claims 57-68, 72-77 and 81-86, for present consideration. Claims 16, 29, 69-71, 78-80, and 87-89 have been canceled and are withdrawn from present consideration.

In the Office Action mailed March 18, 2005, the claims of Group I had been further disposed as being directed to a number of patentably distinct species. Accordingly, Claims 58-62, 64-68, 73-77 and 82-86 have been amended by the present Response to depend from Claims 57, 63, 72 and 81. Applicant respectfully submits that this renders moot the requirement for further restriction at this time.

Applicant reserves the right to prosecute any canceled or withdrawn claims in a continuing or future application.

### **III. Additional Amendments**

#### **Claims 90-95**

Claims 90-95 have been newly added by the present Response. Applicant respectfully requests that new Claims 90-95 be included in the Application and considered therewith.

### **IV. Conclusion**

In light of the above, Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the application and claims as currently presented. The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned if he can assist in any way in expediting issuance of a patent.

Enclosed herewith is an appropriate Petition for Extension of Time to Respond to extend the time to respond up to May 18, 2005, together with the appropriate fee.

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The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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